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REF:A) KABUL 3606; B) STATE 111328

SUBJ: SMITHSONION ANIMAL DONATION TO KABUL ZOO

1. FRANK GURNEY, PANAM REGIONAL MANAGER STATES HE HAS SENT TO HIS HEAD OFFICE REQUEST FOR FREE SHIPMENT SMITHSONIAN SPECIMENS D.C. TO FRANKFURT, BUT HE IS NOT SANGUINE, UNLESS PAN AM GETS THIS REQUEST FROM USG. IF STATE DEPARTMENT WERE TO REQUEST THIS SERVICE, PAN AM WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER REQUEST, BUT KABUL ZOO, WITH UNOFFICIAL SUPPORT FROM SULTAN GHAZI AND EMBASSY KABUL, DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH CLOUT TO PERSUADE PAN AM HEAD OFFICE.

2. IF OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM STATE DEPARTMENT IMPOSSIBLE, GURNEY SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE FREE TRANSPORT VIA MATS TO FRANKFURT, WHERE ARIANA WOULD PICK UP.

3. EMBASSY WORKING ON GETTING HIGH-LEVEL FORMAL REQUEST TO PAN AM FROM GOA, BUT TIME IS SHORT. FOURTH POSSIBILITY, RAISING MONEY LOCALLY THROUGH DONATIONS, WILL BE PURSUED WHEN INFO RE: WEIGHT AND SPACE SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS IS RECEIVED.

4. SPECIMENS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ARE BEING FLOWN FREE EITHER BY NATIONAL AIRLINES (E.G., AEROFLOT) OR BY ARIANA FROM EUROPE.

EMBASSY SEES THIS AS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY EXPRESS U.S. INTEREST IN AFGHANISTAN AT MINIMAL COST. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS

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